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## LOYOLA ENTER NATIONALS

"We'll have to play our very best to win," says Loyola mentor Doug Daigneault about his Warriors chances to upset McMaster University in the semi-finals of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union Basketball Championship.

The statement can be nothing further from the truth. McMaster has one of the best credentials in the country; as Daigneault put it,"Anyone who can beat Western and Windsor, must be good." The Maurauders boasts a torrid front three who love to crash the boards for rebounds. They are aggressive and fast and have a league all-star in Paul Mazza, who can make the percentage shots.

The Warriors on the other hand, like the fast-breaking type of game, winning on speed and consistent shooting, and stressing defence.

"We'll have to play superb defence, and beat them on the boards," goes on the Coach. To do so, that means a 100% effort from Earl Lewis (6'3") and John McAuliffe (6'5") both capable of handling themselves off the boards. Big games from Jim Ivy and co-captain Tom Profenno are a necessity if they are to make it past McMaster. Gene Lawrence (6'4") has been improving at each outing as has Jack Contos.

Possibly the strongest entries to date, the tournament shapes this way:

Thursday night in Game 1 sees pre-tourney favorites University of British Columbia against a stable St. Mary's squad, winners of the East. The same night pits Loyola against McMaster with the winner going directly into the final. The Winner of Game 1 must face Laurentian of the Ontario Conference Friday night before going into the final. The final will be Saturday afternoon starting at 3 o'clock.

"The team has been practicing hard to regain its former peak before the league's playoffs says Daigneault. The playoffs were sort of a letdown, but with the determination the players have, we'll be in good form come Thursday night."

McMaster have that home court advantage and that all important momentum going at the moment. We'll have to run well, play defence and force them into mistakes." I'm looking for more than the consolation trophy this year," ends Daigneault.

Last year, the Warriors took the consolation final up in Waterloo, this year, they have that maturity, with 6 juniors and 3 sophomores. Junior guard, Jim Ivy, probably best summed it up this way,"The way we've been working this week, giving 100% out on the court, we'll be very disappointed if we don't come back with the championship."

Don't count the Warriors out by any means to be contenders.